CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5   1.   A method for facilitating creation and manipulation of compilations of content,
comprising the step of:

Providing a functional layer for interfacing with a user interface and a data repository
containing a plurality of content entities, the functional layer comprising a plurality of function

10   modules, each module for executing a function pertaining to the creation or manipulation of a
compilation of content.

2.   The method of claim 1, wherein one of the function modules creates a list of content
entitiy identifiers defining the content and order of a compilation.

15   3.   The method of claim 2, wherein at least one of the function modules manipulates the list
to redefine the content or order of the compilation.

4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the compilation is hierarchically structured and wherein
20   one of the function modules creates an outline of containers and content entitiy identifiers
defining the content and hierarchical structure of a compilation.

5.   The method of claim 4, wherein at least one of the function modules manipulates the
outline to redefine the content or structure of the compilation.

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6.   A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for facilitating creation and manipulation of compilations of content, comprising the step of:

5   providing a functional layer for interfacing with a user interface and a data repository containing a plurality of content entities, the functional layer comprising a plurality of function modules, each module for executing a function pertaining to the creation or manipulation of a compilation of content.

10   7.   The method of claim 6, wherein one of the function modules creates a list of content entitiy identifiers defining the content and order of a compilation.

8.   The method of claim 7, wherein at least one of the function modules manipulates the list to redefine the content or order of the compilation.

15   9.   The method of claim 6, wherein the compilation is hierarchically structured and wherein one of the function modules creates an outline of containers and content entitiy identifiers defining the content and hierarchical structure of a compilation.

20   10.   The method of claim 9, wherein at least one of the function modules manipulates the outline to redefine the content or structure of the compilation.

11.   A system for facilitating creation and manipulation of compilations of content, comprising:

25   a functional layer for interfacing with a user interface and a data repository containing a plurality of content entities;

          a plurality of function modules in the functional layer, each module including means for 30   executing a function pertaining to the creation or manipulation of a compilation of content.

12.   The system of claim 11, wherein one of the function modules further comprises means for creating a list of content entity identifiers defining the content and order of a compilation.

5   13.   The system of claim 12, wherein at least one of the function modules further comprises means for manipulating the list to redefine the content or order of the compilation.

14.   The system of claim 11, wherein the compilation is hierarchically structured and wherein one of the function modules further comprises means for creating an outline of containers and

10   content entitiy identifiers defining the content and hierarchical structure of a compilation.

15.   The system of claim 14, wherein at least one of the function modules further comprises means for manipulating the outline to redefine the content or structure of the compilation.

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